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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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COMIDEASTFOR

S E C R E T KHARTOUM 0247

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BA, SU

SUBJECT: REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR COMIDEASTFOR

REF: STATE 17267

1. WE DOUBT THAT BAHRAINIS WOULD BE OVERLY COMFORTED BY PUBLIC SUDANESE ENDORSEMENT OF MIDZ STFOR PRESENCE IN GULF/RED SEA AREA; MOREOVER, WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT NO SUCH ENDORSEMENT WILL EVER BE HEARD. ON OTHER HAND, WE WOULD GUESS THAT GOS PLEASED WITH US NAVAL PRESENCE IN AREA IN THAT IT

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PROVIDES COUNTERWEIGHT TO SOVIET INROADS IN SOLAMLIA AND,

PERHAPS, MAKES PSYCHOLOGICALLY LESS BURDENSOME SUDANESE
DEPENDENCE ON USSR FOR MILITARY SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE.
FINALLY, GOS ATTITUDE LIKELY BE INFLUENCED BY POSITIONS
TAKEN IN KUWAIT, JIDDA AND CAIRO, WHICH CURRENTLY EXERCISE
STRONGEST MAGNETIC PULL ON SUDANESE REGIONAL POLICY.

2. WITH RESPECT ACCESSIBILITY PORT SUDAN TO MIDEASTFOR, DEPART-
MENT'S POSITION HAS PREVENTED US FROM TESTING TRUE EXTENT OF
GOS WILLINGNESS HOST US WARSHIPS (STATE 281634 NOTAL). AT
SAME TIME, RECENT GOS PERMISSION FOR TWO PORT CALLS CANNOT
NECESSARILY BE CONSIDERED RELIABLE PRECEDENT IN ABSENCE FOR-
WARD MOVEMENT BY USG ON QUESTION OF POLICY HOLDS VIS-A-VIS
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